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JAMES WHITE LIBRARY

The First Seventh-day Adventist Library for Advanced Education

by Merlin Burt

THE YEAR 2013 marks the 75th anniversary of the establishment of a separate library building, named the James White library. But the library actually traces its history to the beginning of Seventh-day Adventist higher education in Battle Creek, Mich. Andrews University has three phases in its history: (1) Battle Creek College: 1874–1901; (2) Emmanuel Missionary College: 1901–1960; and (3) Andrews University: 1960 to present. The first Seventh-day Adventist library of higher education has continued through these organizational changes. 857 volumes remain from the original Battle Creek College library and they are housed as a special collection at the Center for Adventist Research in the first floor of the James White Library. The books show the wear of more than a century of use.

The history of the library follows the history of the institutions with some variations.

The Battle Creek Era 1874–1901

The college library began in 1876–1877 when a college literary club, the Fide-delectians, called for gifts of books, or funds with which to purchase them.¹ This led to the 200-volume core nucleus of the college library. The next major step was a \$2,000 appropriation of the Seventh-day Adventist Educational Society Board in 1877.² A second 1877 motion by John Harvey Kellogg established a committee to purchase books consisting of Uriah Smith, Sydney Brownsberger and Kellogg. At first the library was contained in two bookcases purchased from the sanitarium. A few brief references indicate that Brownsberger, principal of the college, was making purchases for the library through various catalogues. Though \$2,000 was voted in 1877 for library books, the money was incrementally released. In July 1878, \$600 was voted for actual purchases.³ The 1879–1880 bulletin noted that “two thousand dollars” was appropriated as a “first installment of a College Library.” Half was spent at the time of the notice for 1,000 “standard volumes of the choicest selection.” The note continued, “More will soon be added.”⁴ By the next year, a library reading area was added to the already established reading

room, which contained secular newspapers and other periodicals.

A notice in *The College Record* announced the publication of a “catalogue of books in the College Library.” It continued: “The books are classified in two divisions, Reference and Circulating. Reference books are not to be taken from the building.”⁶

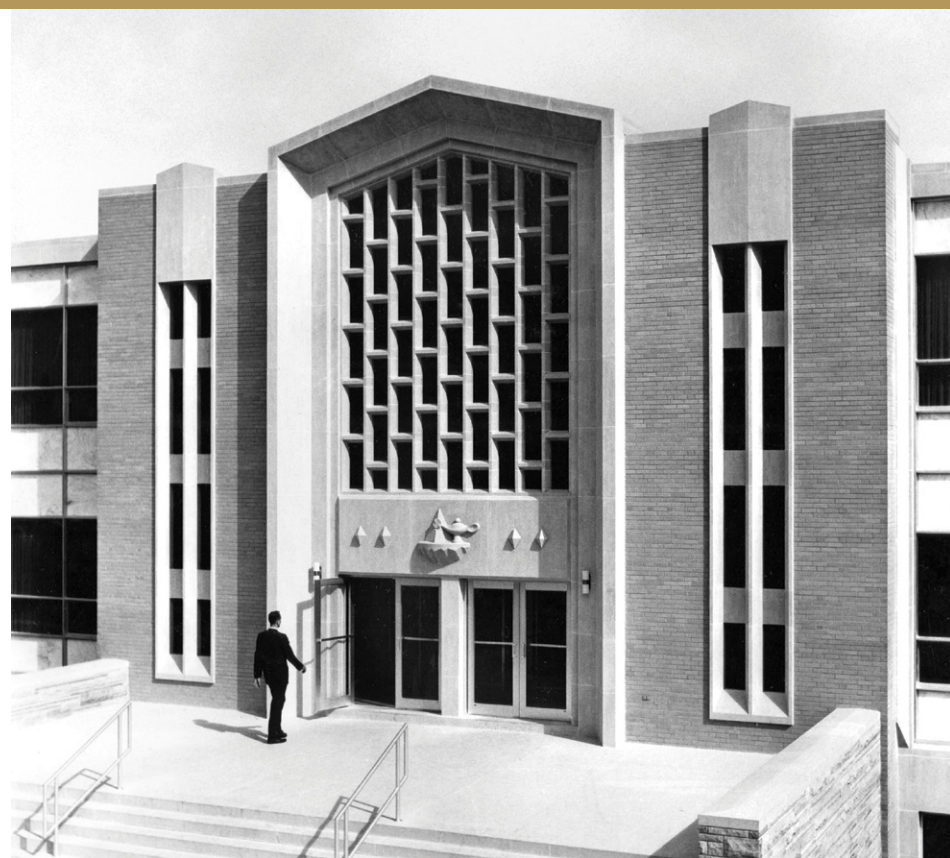
A librarian is mentioned but not named. The excellence of the collection was advertised. “Every volume is a standard work, so that he [the student] need not waste time and labor to find reliable information.” The library was open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and closed for an hour and half for lunch. Use was

limited to the building and an incidental fee of up to a \$1 a year was charged to students.⁷ By 1884 they had set the library fee at “25c per term from all students except those of the Primary Department.”⁸ There were three terms per year and thus the library fee was 75 cents per year. Over the years the fee slowly increased.

After the expansion of the college building in 1886, the annual description of the library shows a slow increase in holdings until the early 1890s when acquisitions dramatically jumped. Library book holds were indicated as follows in the school bulletins: In 1887 (1,200 volumes); in 1888 (1,300 volumes); in 1891



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(1,400 volumes); 1892 (2,000 volumes); 1893 (3,000 volumes). The growth of the library seems to have stalled after 1893 and only a brief notice is given each year of the library and its 3,000 volumes.

The first named librarian was in the 1899 school bulletin. Rosma M. Whalen was also the secretary for the faculty. She continued in this role for two years until the move to Berrien Springs.

The Early EMC Era 1901–1938

Instruction began at Emmanuel Missionary College (EMC) in Berrien Springs, Mich., in July 1901. It was hard going during the early years. The first classes were held in tents within an oak grove and then moved to the old court buildings of Berrien County.⁹ Mary E. Cook is listed with the faculty as the first named librarian of EMC. The first bulletin described the library with these words: “The library will be a characteristic feature of the new College. All books and periodicals will be arranged in a commodious study room, where under the supervision of instructors, all students will spend their study hours.” The description went on to emphasize the free access to the library materials.¹⁰ This description represented a yet to be realized plan.

In 1903, the library and study room were under the supervision of various instructors. The emphasis was more on study time than on the library.¹¹ In 1903 after the construction of what would become the Administration building, the library was located in this building which became popularly known as “Study Hall.”

Up to 1915, a three-person library committee operated the library. At first the committee included two faculty members, Olen R. Cooper, the preceptress, Alma J. Graf and Olive Siemann. Siemann had no other positions and would be the presumed staff-person for the library.¹² After one year Laura F. Rathbun, who was also the English teacher, replaced Siemann.¹³ And so it went from year to year.

Growth in the Size of the Library Collection

In 1914 there was an initiative from the General Conference that all Seventh-day Adventist colleges were to have at least 5,000 volumes in their libraries by 1915. EMC only had about 3,800 volumes and needed to add 1,200 more. There was no money to buy the books, so on Halloween, the faculty and student body gathered and were asked to help with the

problem. The following is a description of what happened:

A little ladder with a wooden man at the foot was brought in and someone explained that for every 40 books or dollars pledged to the college library the little man would climb one step. When he should reach the top of the ladder the library would have attained that much desired goal,—5,000 volumes.¹⁴

Pledges then rang out in the room, and “up, up, up, climbed the little man on the ladder.” At the end of the meeting the little man was a few steps short of the goal. But the books poured in and 630 volumes were added in four-weeks time. One can only wonder at the quality of those volumes in terms of education, but the library was enlarged. By the time of the publication of the 1915 bulletin, it was reported that the library contained 5,400 volumes and for the first time, since the opening year of the school, a librarian was directly named—O.R. Cooper.¹⁵ Of course Cooper was not a librarian. He was a medical doctor who taught Natural and Physical Science. In 1917, Mrs. M.L. Kelley, the Commerce Department assistant was named as the librarian.¹⁶

During the next two years the library holdings are listed as follows: 1916—6,000 volumes;¹⁷ 1917—6,400 volumes;¹⁸ Publications noted that the college had 1,400 volumes more than were required. The library continued to grow and in 1922 it was announced that the library contained more than 10,000 volumes and was increasing by about 1,000 volumes per year.¹⁹ This must have lagged some, because the next statistic is 1933 with the library having 14,794 volumes. By the time of the new library building in 1938 the collection had grown to 21,876 volumes.

New Library Leadership and Academic Instruction in Library Science

Having met the 1915 requirement of 5,000 volumes, the next step was to include library education in the school curriculum. Bertha E. Allen, a 1918 literary graduate of EMC, served from 1919–1926. At first she was both registrar and librarian.²⁰ Professionally speaking, she might be considered the first librarian at EMC.

In connection with the Department of English Language and Literature, Allen taught a one-year, two-class course in “Library Science.” The course was designed to enable “a student to take charge of a small library.” It was oriented towards researchers and “teachers who have to build up academy and church

school libraries.” The class included experience in “cataloging, classifying, accessioning, and shelf-listing,” as well as reference experience.²¹ Within a few years Allen stopped her work as registrar and was only the librarian. The other “librarians” were rather transient and served out of exigency rather than qualification. Allen continued in her role until 1926 when she was forced to resign due to health issues.²²

The second professional librarian was Miss Anna L. Blackney (1900–1989) who served from 1928–1944.²³ She completed her BA from EMC and a BLS from the School of Library Science, Western Reserve University, and in 1942 completed an MA from the University of Chicago.²⁴ Previous to her years at EMC, Blackney served as librarian at Kingsford High School.²⁵

In 1933 the Library Science classes were moved to the Department of Applied Arts and Blackney was made a lecturer.²⁶ There were references in the board minutes on library faculty remuneration in relation to academic training.²⁷ The board supported Blackney’s education as a librarian and provided funding for her tuition and expenses. This included her BLS and further graduate studies at University of Chicago.²⁸

EMC James White Library Era 1938–1962

On July 31, 1934, the EMC board formed a committee to study the “future housing of the library.” It included T.W. Steen, S.E. Wight, K.F. Ambs, L.W. Foote, and J.D. Snider.²⁹ Two weeks later the board met and voted to proceed with the construction of a “separate fire-proof building” large enough to accommodate at least 150 students at one time and able to be enlarged without “destroying the symmetry and beauty of the building.”³⁰

Fund-raising efforts included each of the conferences in the Lake Union with a special offering in churches on Sabbath, January 30, 1937. The goal was for each church to raise one dollar per member.³¹

In 1937 a new library was erected at the site of the present Buller Hall for \$39,022 including furnishings.³² On December 20, a half-day holiday was declared by the school to give “an opportunity for all the students to help move the more than twenty thousand library books to their new home” from the top floor of the Administration building.³³ This was done using “trundling wooden book troughs” some of which still remain in use today.³⁴

June 5, 1938, Dedication of the James White Library Building

On June 5, 1938, the day the library building was dedicated, the College Board of Trustees voted on the following resolution: "In recognition of the pioneer education service of Elder James White, it was VOTED to name the new College Library the James White Memorial Library."³⁵ It has retained that name to this day. On Oct. 12, 2012, a new painting of James White by Harry Ahn was unveiled and now hangs in the lobby area of the James White Library. The former painting of James White is now displayed in the Center for Adventist Research next to a painting of J.N. Andrews.

The dedication service for the new library was during the school Commencement Week. June 5, 1938, had three major events, the dedication of the library at 10:30 a.m., an alumni banquet at 11:45 a.m., and the school convocation/commencement service at 3:30 p.m. The dignitaries included the president of the General Conference, J.L. McElhany; the General Conference Education Secretary, H.A. Morrison; and associate editor of the *Review and Herald*, F.D. Nichol. Morrison spoke for the dedication and T.W. Steen was a special guest.³⁶ Steen had been the president of Emmanuel Missionary College (EMC) from 1934–1937.³⁷ As the first president and also an alum of the school, he had been instrumental in planning the new library.³⁸ Of course the librarian, Anna L. Blackney was also in attendance.³⁹

The completed library could accommodate 200 readers and served the college well until the transition to Andrews University.

The Library Science program 1938–1962

After Anna Blackney's retirement in 1944, Arlene Marks became the new librarian. She continued in this role until 1955. Marks had both a BA and a BLS from the University of Illinois and had previous experience as a librarian at Broadview Academy. In 1947 Marks earned a MALS from the University of Michigan.⁴⁰ During Marks' tenure, various assistant librarians were appointed.⁴¹

1950 saw an expansion of the library courses. Besides the longstanding four-hours in Library methods, a two-hour School Library Administration class was added.⁴² In 1953, Arlene Marks became the first librarian to gain assistant professor rank in the college.⁴³

After Marks departure in 1955, Richard Schwarz was appointed for two years as act-



ing librarian, though his academic standing was in social science. He had been librarian at Broadview Academy (1949–1953) and Adelphian Academy (1953–1955).

Between 1959 and 1961 Barbara Phipps served as librarian. She reorganized and expanded the library science program to include the following courses: Introduction to Library Usage; Reference; Subject Reference and Bibliography; Classification and Cataloging; Book Selection and Ordering; and School Library Administration. In 1960 a Department of Library Science was established. The purpose was to "fulfill the state requirements for teacher-librarians and to provide the core curriculum toward the Master's degree in Library Science." A minor in Library Science was also offered for those seeking certification.⁴⁴ The faculty included Barbara H. Phipps, Marilyn Wein-Fivash, and Jo Ann Perkins-Stevens. In 1961 Fivash became the librarian with the Library Science department including Stevens and a new faculty member Leonard Hill.

The library grew steadily during the period from 1938–1962 from nearly 22,000 volumes to nearly 62,000 volumes. Periodical and other resources also expanded dramatically. But nothing compared with the expansion that would occur with the establishment of Andrews University in 1960⁴⁵ and the building of the new James White Library building in 1962.

Andrews University and the New James White Library

On February 15, 1961, the Andrews University Board of Trustees voted to proceed with the construction of the new James White library. Due to various factors, including a doubling of the total cost to more than \$900,000, the structure was not completed until the late summer of 1962.

On April 2, 1962, the board voted "that the

new library be designated the James White Library." This maintained continuity with the name of the previous library. The former library building was renamed "Griggs Hall."⁴⁶ The dedication for the new library was voted for Oct. 24, 1962, with Walter R. Beach, secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, as the speaker.⁴⁷

Plans for an addition to the library began in 1971. When completed in 1976, it doubled the capacity from about 400,000 to 800,000 volumes. The cost of the addition was more than 1.25 million dollars.⁴⁸ With compact shelving and other adjustments the library has further increased its capacity. Today the collection contains in excess of 1,000,000 cataloged items.

At the time of the construction of the new 1962 university library, there were a total of about 122,000 volumes with a staff of seven librarians.⁴⁹ The new library was managed through the long leadership of the new head librarian, Mary Jane Mitchell, who had previously been the librarian for the Seminary in Takoma Park, Md. and Potomac University. She would continue for 20 years, though her title was changed to "director" at the May 6, 1973 board meeting, until her retirement in 1982.

In 1982, Marley H. Soper became director of the library and chair of the library science program, a position he held until 1993. His leadership saw a transition from a card catalog system to an electronic online catalog in 1992. This was the beginning of a paradigm shift for Adventist education in information technology from paper to digital. This shift is still in process and is transforming many aspects of life in during the 21st century.

The library science program, which had its beginning in 1960 under Barbara Phipps' administration, is last listed in the 1989 Andrews

University bulletin. The faculty included one person who is still a part of the library faculty, Cynthia M. Helms. The end of formal library education at Andrews University has slowly refocused library energies more completely toward student and patron services.

Keith Clouten followed Marley Soper as library director from 1993 to 2003. Since 2003, Larry Onsager has been director and dean. During the tenures of Clouten and Onsager, the shift to digital resources has continued and will likely continue to accelerate. Collection includes not only paper resources but also electronic resources and cooperation with other libraries to share electronic resources. One of the major challenges has been the need for increased resources to maintain both paper and electronic materials and the tools to access them. The world will remain in transition from paper to electronic into the foreseeable future. Paradigm changes of this nature take a generation or more and are in some ways comparable to the transition from handwritten manuscripts to printing during the 15th and 16th centuries.

Conclusion

So what do we learn from this brief history of the first and most extensive library of the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

The Battle Creek period saw a foundation laid that emphasized the importance of selectivity and building a strong reference col-

lection. It is also a period of relatively limited library resources.

The early EMC era at first gave little attention to the library except to continue what had been available at Battle Creek. This changed under the leadership of the first real librarian, Bertha E. Allen. She established two courses to prepare teachers and others to develop school libraries. During this period, librarians became a part of the EMC instructional faculty. This role would continue in teaching library science until 1990. Of course librarians have continued to be involved in instruction to the present, but not in teaching their own discipline.

The James White Library era, which has reached the time-marker of 75 years, brought the first major concentration of school resources toward library excellence. The construction of the new library was a major investment. The building of resources leading up to 1960 and the establishment of Andrews University paved the way for this expansion.

The Andrews University era was a paradigm shift. The investment that occurred previously was multiplied to support a full university that included the granting of advanced degrees. The foresight of the first University presidents and the board of trustees to make significant investments in the library has been a foundation for the instructional program at Andrews University. Thankfully, subsequent administrators have continued this focus on

instructional resources to make Andrews University the premier humanities university for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The James White Library remains a precious treasure of educational support for the world church and at 150 years of church organization, it inspires other Adventist universities to excellence. It also remains one of the truly significant theological libraries in the world.

One thing is certain. The Seventh-day Adventist Christian faith and mission, that led to the establishment of Battle Creek College and all the other Adventist universities around the world, is the foundation for the remarkable libraries at this University. The libraries give emphasis to the various branches of the humanities, theology, Adventist studies, architecture, music, technology and science.

The unique focus of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on taking the gospel to the world in light of the soon coming of Jesus has driven the need for an educational program. This has facilitated the training of missionaries and workers who have taken the three angels' message around the world. May this 75th-year mile-marker for the James White Library lead to a renewed commitment to academic resources to support the mission of this University to Seek Knowledge, Affirm Faith, and Change the World. ■

Merlin Burt is director of the Center for Adventist Research, housed in the James White Library.

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³ Ibid., July 21, 1878.

⁴ Fifth Annual Announcement of the Battle Creek College, Containing General Information Concerning Courses of Study, Instruction, Cost of Tuition and Board, Special Advantages, Etc., for College Year 1879-'80 (Battle Creek, MI: Review and Herald Publishing, 1879), 10.

⁵ Board Minutes, August 7, 1879; October 2, 1879.

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²³ Catalog of Emmanuel Missionary College for 1929-1930 (Berrien Springs, MI: Published by the College, 1929), 11; Catalog of Emmanuel

Missionary College for 1930-1931 (Berrien Springs, MI: Published by the College, 1930), 11, 61-62.

²⁴ *Emmanuel Missionary College Bulletin*: College of Liberal Arts, 1942-1943 (Berrien Springs, MI: Published by the College, [1942]), 12.

²⁵ She is last listed in the 1943-1944 bulletin.

²⁶ *Emmanuel Missionary College Bulletin* for 1933-1934: College of Arts and Sciences (Berrien Springs, MI: Published by the College, 1933), 10-11, 70; *Emmanuel Missionary College Bulletin*: College of Arts and Sciences 1935-1936 (Berrien Springs, MI: Published by the College, 1933), 14.

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²⁸ Ibid., March 20, 1935; March 16, 1937.

²⁹ Ibid., July 31, 1934.

³⁰ Ibid., August 14, 1934.

³¹ Ibid., November 5, 1936.

³² "Emmanuel Missionary College Board Minutes," March 7-8, 1938, Andrews University Archives. Special appreciation is due to Alice Williams, University archivist, for her research assistance in finding original records to support this presentation.

³³ *Cardinal* (Berrien Springs, MI: EMC Senior Class, 1938), 65.

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³⁶ "Commencement Week," *Lake Union Herald*, May 10, 1938, 8; Emmanuel Missionary College News Notes, *Lake Union Herald*, May 24, 1938, 6.

³⁷ Gray, *As We Set Forth*, 248-249.

³⁸ Ibid., 249. His successor, H.J. Klooster, had been instrumental in finding donations to pay for the building.

³⁹ *Cardinal*, 1938, 25.

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⁴¹ Barbara Phipps and Audrey Stockton who had BLS degrees. During the 1950s other names included Dorothy Ferren, Marilyn Fivash, and Lois Flory. All had either bachelor's or master's degrees.

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⁴⁶ Andrews University Board of Trustees Minutes, September 6, 1962.

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⁴⁸ Andrews University Board of Trustees minutes, November 7, 1973.

⁴⁹ President's Report, Andrews University Constituency Meeting, May 2, 1963.

Camp meeting regional events

Hundreds of people across the Lake Union, Lake Region and New New England Conferences enjoyed fellowship and food at camp meeting events held from June through August 2013.



Top: The line for the June 15 strawberry feed near the Andrews University cabin at Wisconsin camp meeting seems to stretch around the whole campground.

Above left: Three enthusiastic recipients of strawberry shortcake at Wisconsin camp meeting.

Above right: Alice and Mike Weakley (BA '78), at the Illinois camp meeting strawberry feed held July 27, 2013.

Left: Sharon Dudgeon (MMus '86), general manager of WAUS 90.7 FM (pictured left in the Andrews apron), represented Andrews University at the Southern and Northern New England camp meetings.

ASI/Florida

Thursday, August 8, 2013



A large crowd of interested alumni from the Orlando area and those attending the annual ASI Conference came to hear updates from President Andreasen and Alumni Services staff.

New Student Orientation

Wednesday, August 21, 2013



For the first time this fall, alumni were invited to come and share their thoughts on how to be successful in college with new students. About 20 local alums took part in this mentoring opportunity, including **Arvin DelaCruz** (BARCH '97), pictured center in the blue shirt.

2013–14 Alumni Board



Front row, L–R: Jonathan Jacobs, AUSA president, *ex-officio*; **Andriy Kharkovvy** (BBA '06, MBA '09), executive assistant director; **Tami Condon** (BS '91, MA '13), executive director; **Vladimir Radivojevic** (BS '95, MSPT '96), president

Middle row, L–R: **Arvin DelaCruz** (BARCH '97); **Denise Curnutt** (MAT '96); **Caryl-Lynn Ferguson** (att.), executive secretary; **Deborah Busch** (BS '92, BS '98)

Back row, L–R: **Patricia Spangler** (BS '04), *ex officio*; **Dave Nelson** (AT '87); **Norma Greenidge** (BS '80, MA '92, PhD '00); **Michael Villwock** (BT '08)

Not pictured: **Bruce Wrenn** (current faculty)

Join us, the meal's on us!

There's nothing quite like an alumni gathering to catch up with an old roommate, visit with local alumni, or maybe even network with a local professional. Be sure and bring your family and invite fellow attendees too, because the more the merrier. We're all about staying informed and connected. To find out if there's an upcoming regional event near you, see the Alumni Calendar on page 29.



Earl R. Reynolds Sr. (1919)



Adele Harper Nelson with her mother Nadine

1970s

Albert Dittes (BD '70), lives in Portland, Tenn., and recently published a book through TEACH Services, Inc., titled *Three Adventist Titans: The significance of heeding or rejecting the counsel of Ellen White*. In addition to writing, Albert is a semi-retired musician who still plays piano and organ for three churches and teaches some private piano lessons.

Frank Clark (BS '79, MS '82) recently self-published the book *Four Angels' Message*, which results from intensive studies of Bible prophecy. The book is sixth in the series "Preparing for the End of Time." His ministry website is www.iaua.name.

1980s

Scott (BS '81) and **Bekki (Olson) Gardner** (BA '82) are moving to Koza, Cameroon in West Africa. Scott will be the medical director and surgeon at Koza Adventist Hospital. He will be joining one other doctor and together they will be providing hospital healthcare for more than 100,000 people. Bekki will be volunteering as a nurse, writing and producing health education programs, cleaning and fixing equipment, taking care of SM's and volunteers, working with the local pastor and chaplain with evangelism and Godpods. This is a very remote hospital in the northern tip of Cameroon between Nigeria and Chad, a two-day journey from the capital. Bekki writes, "We feel privileged that God would choose us and often wonder why us. I guess because we said yes. We feel our walk with God has become closer and more intimate as we venture into this unknown. Please pray for us as the challenges appear as giants in the land. Our God is a giant slayer and so we hold His hand and watch to see Him work. We leave our adult children Jonathan and Lindsay here in the U.S. We would love to have you follow our blog/newsletter (and keep us on your prayer list) at www.gardners2koza.wordpress.com."

Edwin Reynolds (MA '87, PhD '94) has been professor of New Testament and Biblical Languages and graduate program coordinator at the School of Religion at Southern Adventist University since 2004. His son David graduated from SAU with a major in pastoral studies in 2009. After working for the Oklahoma Conference, along with his wife, they have decided to come to the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews to complete his MDiv, making him the fourth generation of pastors trained by this institution. Edwin writes, "My grandfather, Earl R. Reynolds Sr. was the first, studying at Emmanuel Missionary College back in 1919. He subsequently completed a medical missionary course at Loma Linda and went to India to serve as a health educator, clinic director and pastor. During a furlough from mission service in Pakistan, 1956–57, my father, E. Robert Reynolds Jr., did an MA in church history at Potomac University, the SDA Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., before it moved to become part of Andrews University. I completed an MA in religion, with a major in biblical languages, in 1987 and a PhD in religion, with a major in New Testament, in 1994, followed by 11 years teaching at the theological seminary at AIIAS in the Philippines."

James Simonds (MDiv '88) received his DMin in May 2013 from Carolina Graduate School of Divinity. His thesis was titled, "Activating Men in Ministry in a Mid-sized Mainline Congregation." He has been the pastor of Zion United Church of Christ in Thomasville, N.C. since 2007.

1990s

Vaughan (BS '98) and **Nadine (Bubb) Nelson** (BBA '99, MBA '01) are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Adele Harper. She was born on July 7, 2013, in Lincoln, Neb., and weighed 6 lb., 4 oz. Nadine is vice president of Enrollment and Student Financial services at Union College and Vaughan works at Five Nines Technology Group as a senior project engineer.

2000s

Berenice Beckles (BBA '06) received her master's degree in nonprofit management in May of 2013 from the University of Central Florida, with induction into the Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society. She earned her Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in accounting in May of 2006 from Andrews University. Berenice plans to prepare for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) examination this fall.

Deaths

Judith Anne Chittick (BA '87, MA '88), 68, of Berrien Springs, Mich., died Sept. 1, 2013, at her home.

Judy was born Nov. 19, 1944, in Saint John, N.B., Canada.

On July 1, 1964, she married Thomas N. Chittick. They resided in Berrien Springs for the past 28 years, coming from Kenya, East Africa, where they served as missionaries.



Judy earned a Bachelor of Science in biology and a master's degree in reading from Andrews University, and she taught English as a second language for the Berrien Springs Public School District for 24 years.

She is survived by her husband, **Tom** (BS '71, MAT '72, MA '86, EdD '95); sons, **George** (BT '96, current staff) and **Jeremy**; daughters, **Debbie Lorenz** and **Jennifer Powers** (BS '89); six grandchildren; and a sister, **Marylyn Miller**. Judy was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, **Wayne Demmings**; and a sister, **Ruth Fulton McAllister**.

Nancy Lee Miller (current staff), 54, of Stevensville, died August 23, 2013 at her home, after a short battle with cancer.

Nancy was born August 17, 1959, in Buchanan, Mich., the daughter of **Bill and Iris (Kimball) Gatewood**. She worked as administrative assistant for the Department of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum in the



School of Education at Andrews University. In addition, she was studying psychology and was just a couple classes short of earning her bachelor's degree.

Survivors include her son, **Zachary (Jennifer) Miller** of Walla Walla, Wash.; her father, **Bill Gatewood** of Cottonwood, Ariz.; two sisters, **Carol Gatewood** and **Linda Martin** of Lincoln, Neb.; one brother, **William Gatewood** (CERT '80) of Battle Creek, Mich.; mother-in-law and father-in-law, **Renee** (AS '88) and **Leon Copeland** (att.); brother-in-law, **Tony Copeland**; and nieces and nephews.

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, **Chris Miller** (BBA '98, MBA '00), on Nov. 6, 2010; her mother **Iris**; and two sisters, **Janet Gatewood** and **Kathy Sloan**.

Arthur J Kroncke (BA '76, MA '78), passed away in Las Vegas, Nev., on August 23, 2013.

The family moved to Berrien Springs when Art was elementary school age. After graduating from Andrews University in 1976, he taught school in the states of Washington, Indiana and Florida before retiring from that career. Art enjoyed golfing and tennis and was an avid fan of the Cubs.

In 2004 he was diagnosed with cancer. While he successfully beat the cancer, his health steadily declined after his difficult chemotherapy and radiation treatments. He was a wonderful husband, son, brother and friend.

He was preceded in death by his father, **John A. Kroncke** (BA '66, MA '73, DMin '74) in August 2012. Surviving are his wife of nearly 38 years, **Lavonne (Wright) Kroncke**; mother, **Peggy Kroncke** (MA '70, former staff); brother, **John Kroncke** (BS '80); and nephew, **Johnathan Kroncke**.

John Edward Weakley (att.), 86, of Berrien Springs, died August 8, 2013, at his home.

John was born Feb. 26, 1927, in Battle Creek, Mich., the son of **Michael and Hazel (Dilsaver) Weakley**. He proudly served with the United States Navy in the Pacific during World War II, reaching the rank of Seaman 1st Class.

He had lived in Berrien Springs since 1951, where he owned and operated a barber-shop and Continental Specialty Advertising Company until his retirement in 1990.

John served for 27 years as a volunteer fireman with the Berrien Springs Oronoko Township Fire Department, and also served as constable of Oronoko Township.

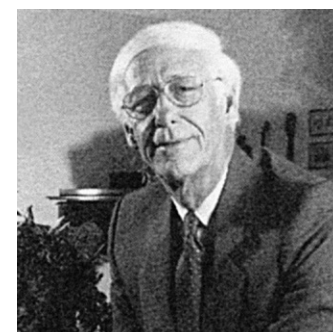
He is survived by his wife, **Betty (Collard) Weakley** (DIP 2YR '48); daughter **Tamara** (att.) and her husband **Don Jardine** (BS '83); sons **Mike** (BA '78) (**Alice**) and **Todd** (BS '84) (**Linda**) Weakley; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a brother, **George (Patricia) Weakley**. John was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, **Fleda Weakley**.

Edwin F. Buck Jr. (BA '44, MA '64), 92, passed away on August 5, 2013 at Woodland Terrace of Longmeadow, Niles, Michigan after several years of declining health.

Edwin was born and raised in Detroit, Mich. He graduated from Cass Technical High School in Detroit with highest honors in 1939 and worked as a

tool and die maker at the Ford Motor Company to earn his way through Emmanuel Missionary College. After completing a BA in theology in 1944, he was ordained as a minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1948.

In 1943 Edwin married **Elsie Salse Landon** (BA '43, MMus '64) in Berrien Springs, Mich., and they had three children: **Patricia**, **Edwin Landon** (BA '67), and **Elizabeth**. Edwin and Elsie taught at Cedar Lake Academy in Michigan and later at Vincent Hill School in Mussoorie, India.



During the six years they were abroad, Edwin also conducted evangelistic campaigns in Lucknow, Calcutta, and New Delhi, India; Rangoon, Burma (Myanmar); Kandy, Ceylon (Sri Lanka); and Lahore, Pakistan. In 1955 the family drove by car through Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Europe on their way back to the United States.

After returning to the U.S., Edwin served as a minister in Nashville, Tenn., and Miami, Fla., for eight years. He received a Master of Arts in counseling and guidance from Andrews in 1964 and a Doctor of Philosophy from Michigan State University four years later. He taught communication arts at Purdue University North Central from 1966–1990 and was awarded the title of professor emeritus.

Edwin developed a passionate interest in airplanes and flying

as a child in the 1920s, but did not acquire his first airplane until the late 1940s. Thereafter, he owned an airplane whenever possible for the rest of his life.

He was also an avid photographer and began taking pictures of his family in the 1940s. He expanded his media to include thousands of slides and many hours of movies documenting life in South Asia during the 1950s.

He was actively involved with Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, where he served as first elder for 15 years, as well as teaching a Sabbath School class.

Edwin was predeceased by his beloved wife of 69 years, Elsie Landon Buck. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Linda and Edwin Buck of Gwinn, Mich.; daughters and sons-in-law Patricia and Frank Dominguez of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Elizabeth and Dave Zumbrunnen of Seneca, S.C.; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Louis Paul Bozzetti Jr. (BA '56) died on June 15, 2013, in Redlands, Calif., after a debilitating battle with Parkinson's disease.

Louis was born in Hoboken, N.J. on Feb. 7, 1936, to Maria Amalia (D'Amico) and Louis Bozzetti. He received his medical degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in 1960, and after his residency entered the Army as a physician.

He was a psychiatrist at the VA Hospital in Loma Linda from 1977-1997, serving as the first chief of psychiatry. Bozzetti was a lifetime member of the American Medical Association (AMA) and the American Psychiatric Association (APA), as well as a distinguished fellow of the APA.

Louis served as deputy director for the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse under President Nixon. He was passionate about helping those in need and enjoyed his

consulting work with CRASH (a residential recovery program for drug and alcohol abuse) and with Family Services Association in Riverside County.

Louis will be forever missed by his wife of 51 years, Ingrid; his daughters: Marie Engström (Stefan) and Lisa Bozzetti (Kåre); and his only granddaughter Anja. He is also survived by his siblings: **Elizabeth Slack** (att.), Sonny, George and Kathryn Nieminsky. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Sylvia Angelo and Daniel.

Helen Margaret Hoagland Hamel (att.) passed away at her home on May 31, 2013.



Helen was born Sept. 12, 1922, in Green Bay, Wis., in her parents' home. Her mother's name was Mary Margaret Heisel Hoagland and her father's name was Gerald Leslie Hoagland.

When Helen was 12 years old she was baptized by Elder M.E. Anderson and became an active member of the Green Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Helen graduated as a registered nurse from Hinsdale Hospital School of Nursing in the class of 1946. She used her nursing skills in several hospitals and as the school nurse at Sheyenne River Academy and Pioneer Valley Academy. Helen also started the Pre-Nursing Club at Forest Lake Academy.

Helen's primary interest was her family and helping those who were in need of assistance.

After retirement, Helen was a very good traveling partner, albeit a reluctant copilot of their small airplane.

She never complained when her health began to fail, always looking forward to the time when Jesus would return.

Surviving Helen is her husband of 66+ years, **Lyle Hamel**, (BS '49), her older brother, Dell Hoagland of Marshfield, Wis., two daughters, Valerie Morikone of Waverly, W.V., and Lynette Hamel of Ware, Mass.; four grandchildren, Gregory Morikone, Janelle Morikone, Tami Hamel and Bryan Hamel; and one great-grandson, Mahlon Hamel. She was preceded in death by two sons, **Orlyn Hamel** (att.) and Bryan Hamel.

Albert Mel Long (MA '73), 82, died at home surrounded by his family on Feb. 19, 2013.

Al was born on Sept. 2, 1930, in Panama and lived his early childhood on San Andreas Island and in Colombia, South America. He was the youngest of 11 children. Al came to the United States as a young man and served in the Armed Forces in Germany for three years.

After graduating from Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif., in 1965 with a degree in religion, he pastored a church in Coalinga. During this time he was introduced to his future wife, Myrna Shultz, a registered nurse. They married Oct. 16, 1966, in Caldwell, Idaho.

Six months later they were called to mission service in Rwanda, Africa. Al developed the first two-year ministerial training course in the French language for pastors. During their time in Rwanda, a daughter, Valerie, and a son, Kevin, were born.

Following a year-long furlough to the U.S. where Al earned his MA in religion at Andrews University, he and his family re-



turned to Africa in 1973. He was called to serve as director of the Kasai Project with headquarters at Lulengele Mission in the Kasai Province of Zaire. In 1977, Al became the ministerial director for the Trans Africa Division located in Salisbury, Rhodesia. His responsibilities involved training pastors in 11 different countries.

The family returned permanently to the U.S. in 1980 when Al became the pastor of the 650-member Walla Walla City Church in Washington state. He later served as associate ministerial secretary for the Oregon Conference and executive secretary for the Gulf States and Georgia-Cumberland Conferences.

In 1996, Al and Myrna retired to beautiful Prescott, Ariz.

His family includes his wife of 46 years, Myrna Long, a daughter Valerie Radu of Chattanooga, Tenn., son **Kevin** (att.) of Bend, Ore., and four grandchildren.

CORRECTION: Some surviving family members in Richard W. Schwarz's life sketch [FOCUS spring 2013] were incorrectly listed. We apologize for the errors. It should read as follows:

"Dick's son **Richard P. Schwarz** (BS '77) of Ooltewah, Tenn., grandson Rick Schwarz II and his wife Stephanie (Van Wart) of Visalia, Calif., and granddaughter Chantel and her husband Jared Litchfield of Portland, Tenn."



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